

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

<b>In Re:</b>  <b>W.R. GRACE &amp; CO., et al.,</b>  <b>Debtors.</b>	<b>§</b> <b>§</b> <b>§</b> <b>§</b> <b>§</b> <b>§</b>	<b>Chapter 11</b>  <b>Jointly Administered</b> <b>Case No. 01-01139 (JKF)</b>
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**FEE AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT REGARDING  
FEE APPLICATION OF STROOCK & STROOCK & LAVAN, LLP  
FOR THE TENTH INTERIM PERIOD**

This is the final report of Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C., acting in its capacity as fee auditor in the above-captioned bankruptcy proceedings, regarding the Tenth Interim Fee Application of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP (the "Application").

**BACKGROUND**

1. Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP ("Stroock") was retained as counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors. In the Application, Stroock seeks approval of fees totaling \$218,222.00<sup>1</sup> and costs totaling \$4,339.46 for its services from July 1, 2003, through September 30, 2003, as well as payment of fees and costs of \$36,865.19 for Chambers Associates Incorporated ("Chambers"), an asbestos issues expert<sup>2</sup>.

2. In conducting this audit and reaching the conclusions and recommendations contained herein, we reviewed in detail the Application in its entirety, including each of the time entries included in the exhibits to the Application, for compliance with 11 U.S.C. 330, Local Rule 2016-2

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<sup>1</sup>In the Application Stroock states that this amount reflects a voluntary reduction of \$205.00 reflecting 1.5 hours of paraprofessional services rendered by two paraprofessionals.

<sup>2</sup> At Stroock's request we do not review the fees and expenses of Chambers.

of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Amended Effective February 1, 2001, and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. 330, Issued January 30, 1996, (the "Guidelines"), as well as for consistency with precedent established in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

### **DISCUSSION**

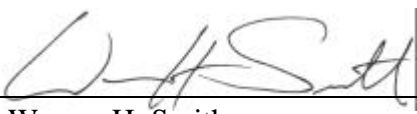
3. We have no specific issues with, or objections to, any of the fees or expenses sought in the Application.

### **CONCLUSION**

4. Thus, we recommend approval of fees totaling \$218,222.00 and costs totaling \$4,339.46 for Stroock's services from July 1, 2003, through September 30, 2003. We offer no recommendation regarding payment of fees and costs of \$36,867.19 for Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served First Class United States mail to the attached service list on this 29th day of January, 2004.

  
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